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SUBJECT: REPORT OF CHINESE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR  
BOTSWANA  
REF: GABORONE 2386

1. SINCE SUBMISSION TO YOU OF OUR ACTION MEMORANDUM  
REGARDING PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION TO ASSIST BOTSWANA  
IN THE FACE OF RHODESIAN CROSS-BORDER ATTACKS, AMBASSADOR  
NORLAND REPORTS FROM GABORONE HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE  
CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE BOTSWANA WITH MODEST  
AMOUNTS OF SMALL ARMS AT NO COST; AND A SMALL NUMBER OF  
ADVISORS. THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT EVIDENTLY IS INCLINED  
TO ACCEPT THE CHINESE OFFER BOTH BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT  
KHAMA'S DESIRE TO OBTAIN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROMPTLY  
AS WELL AS HIS REALIZATION THAT CHINESE SUPPORT WILL  
PREEMPT THE SOVIETS.

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2. THE FOREGOING REPORT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT IN OUR  
VIEW AFFECT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE HAVE MADE TO  
YOU.

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